

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-30 (canceled):

Claim 31 (previously presented): A device preparation of a whipped food, comprising:

a container portion containing a food component and configured for receiving a fluid for mixing with the food component to produce a fluid mixture having a gas such that the fluid mixture includes gas bubbles;

a foam conditioning conduit associated with the container portion for receiving the fluid mixture therefrom with the gas bubbles entrained therein to produce a fluid food product, the conduit comprising:

a restriction channel associated with the container portion downstream thereof to receive the food product, the restriction channel being configured for conditioning the bubbles into a foam and having a cross-section sufficiently small and sufficient length for selectively feeding bubbles in the food product that are smaller than a preselected maximum bubble size, wherein the gas is introduced into the foam conditioning conduit upstream of the restriction channel,

a deceleration channel in fluid communication with the restriction channel downstream thereof to receive the food product therefrom, the deceleration channel configured to substantially reduce the flow speed of the food product, and

an outlet downstream of and in fluid communication with the deceleration channel to dispense the slowed flow of food product;

a package that comprises the container portion and the foam conditioning conduit, the package configured for operative association with an extraction device for feeding the fluid under pressure into the container portion; and

a closure associated with the container portion for enclosing the food component therein, the foam conditioning conduit extending through the closure.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The device of claim 31, wherein the closure comprises at least two wall portions between which the channels are defined.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The device of claim 32, wherein a first one of the walls defines a groove, and a second one of walls comprises a foil sealed to the first wall for cooperatively defining at least a portion of the channels therebetween.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The device of claim 31 wherein:

the closure comprises a seal that seals the foam conditioning conduit from the food component in the container portion,

the device further comprising an opening mechanism operably associated with the seal for opening the seal in response to an elevated fluid pressure within the container portion for fluidly communicating the container portion with the conditioning conduit for feeding the fluid mixture into the conduit.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The device of claim 34, wherein the opening mechanism comprises a piercing member disposed with respect to the seal such that, when the pressure reaches a predetermined value inside the container portion, the seal and piercing member are biased into a piercing association in which the piercing member pierces the seal to fluidly communicate the container portion with the foam conditioning conduit.